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that this is a very large task to appoint all these boards and commissions. It's an ongoing task. Four goals of the bill would be to track boards, commissions and similar entities; provide basic information in an easily readable format; be an opportunity for further review in an organized and comprehensive fashion; and have the potential to eliminate redundant, obsolete, or ineffective boards, commissions or similar entities, or recommend a change in their purpose or function. I have talked with representatives from the Governor's Office. You probably got a copy of that letter yesterday 'cause I did think that we would get to this bill yesterday, and then, after discussions with Senator Engel, who is the Chair of the Program Evaluation Committee, and with Legislative Research, I also have a...an amendment that would clarify the bill's purpose. I would like to draw your attention to the handout that also hit your desk yesterday called "Guide To The Information", and this tells you what kind of information we would ask in this survey of boards and commissions. With that, Mr. President, I would relinquish the rest of my time in order to introduce the committee amendment and then start the discussion.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Senator, you are recognized to open on the committee amendments. (Standing Committee amendment AM0027 is found on page 339 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, the amendment is AM0027 and what it does, primarily, is that it makes clear that the Government Committee would not be doing program evaluations on each of these boards and commissions. Rather, it would be doing a review and then at some point, if it decided that a program evaluation was necessary, through the Chairman of the committee would make that request of Program Evaluation: These...this request would fall in line with all other requests that go to Program Evaluation and they would decide whether or not to do a review of that particular board or commission. So, with that, I would simply move the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Discussion on committee amendments? Senator Crosby.